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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on July 27, 1999, June 12, 2000, November 13, 2000, March 5, 2001 and April 19, 2001 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents, which were cited in a Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection dated June 4, 2002 for corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-21057:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-149270, published on June 2, 1998, together with an English language Abstract thereof;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-38686, published on February 7, 1995, together with an English language Abstract thereof; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-88591, published on March 30, 1999, together with an English language Abstract thereof.

Applicant notes that the relevance of each of the above-mentioned documents with respect to the various claims of the Japanese application, as well as the relevant passages of these documents, is as discussed in the Japanese Notice of Reasons of Rejection, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Further, Applicant notes the following documents which were also cited, but not discussed by the Japanese Examiner, in the above-noted Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-511792, published on November 10, 1998;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-107840, published on April 24, 1998, together with an English language Abstract thereof;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-63590, published on March 6, 1998, together with an English language Abstract thereof;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-13602, published on January 16, 1998, together with an English language Abstract thereof; and

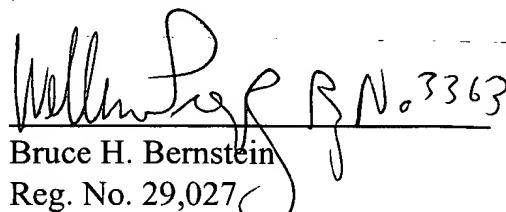
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-98606, published on April 14, 1998, together with an English language Abstract thereof.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above patent documents and English Abstracts. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection, together with an English language translation of the same, is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, these documents should be considered.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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